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RE: MUR 5322

Senator Gordon H. Smith

Sharon L. Smith

Dear Mr. Engle:

This is in response to your letter dated November 18, 2002, which we received on that day, requesting an extension until December 23, 2002, to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on December 23, 2002.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Alva E. Smith, Paralegal Central Enforcement Docket